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A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the wireless communications surcharge and
2 appropriating surcharge revenue for the establishment of a
3 bandwidth frequency compliance grant program.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 34A.7A, subsection 1, paragraphs a and b,
2 Code 2011, are amended to read as follows:

3 a. Notwithstanding section 34A.6, the administrator shall
4 adopt by rule a monthly surcharge of up to ~~sixty-five cents~~ one
5 dollar to be imposed on each wireless communications service
6 number provided in this state. The surcharge shall be imposed
7 uniformly on a statewide basis and simultaneously on all
8 wireless communications service numbers as provided by rule of
9 the administrator.

10 b. The program manager shall provide no less than one
11 hundred days' notice of the surcharge to be imposed to each
12 wireless communications service provider. The program manager,
13 subject to the ~~sixty-five cent~~ one dollar limit in paragraph
14 "a", may adjust the amount of the surcharge as necessary, but no
15 more than once in any calendar year.

16 Sec. 2. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, Code 2011, is amended
17 by adding the following new paragraph:

18 NEW PARAGRAPH. *0g.* Notwithstanding any other provision
19 or allocation of wireless communications surcharge revenue
20 otherwise applicable pursuant to this subsection, the revenue
21 collected pursuant to this section which is attributable to the
22 wireless communications surcharge rate in excess of sixty-five
23 cents shall be deposited in a separate bandwidth frequency
24 compliance fund within the state treasury under the control
25 of the program manager. Moneys in the fund are appropriated
26 and shall be utilized for the establishment and administration
27 of a grant program to assist local police, fire, medical
28 rescue, and emergency management personnel in complying with
29 federal government mandates regarding bandwidth frequencies
30 as contained in 47 C.F.R., pt. 90, § 209. The administrator,
31 in consultation with the E911 communications council, shall
32 establish grant program eligibility criteria, and application
33 and distribution procedures, by rule.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill provides for an increase in the wireless

1 communications surcharge imposed in Code chapter 34A, and
2 provides for the establishment of a grant program funded by the
3 resulting surcharge revenue.

4 A monthly surcharge is imposed on each wireless
5 communications service number provided in Iowa. The surcharge
6 is imposed on a uniform statewide basis and is determined
7 by the administrator of the homeland security and emergency
8 management division of the department of public defense. The
9 current surcharge rate is an amount up to 65 cents per month.
10 The bill increases the surcharge rate to up to \$1 per month
11 and provides that the amount collected attributable to this
12 increase shall be utilized to establish by rule a grant program
13 to assist local police, fire, medical rescue, and emergency
14 management personnel in complying with federal government
15 mandates regarding bandwidth frequencies.